

COVID Requirements for Entry into the Republic of South Korea

****A negative COVID-19 test (PCR) result is required for all foreigners entering the ROK****

Due to the worldwide spread of a new highly transmissible COVID-19 variant, all foreign visitors entering the Republic of Korea will now be required to provide a proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR). Those who do not fulfill this requirement will be denied entry.

1. All foreigners entering the Republic of Korea via airport

Effective 12:00 am, on January 8, 2021(KST), all foreign airline passengers arriving the ROK are required to test negative for the coronavirus within 72 hours of their departure*. All South Korean nationals arriving from Britain and South Africa are required to test negative for the coronavirus within 72 hours of departure as well.

* This restriction applies to all foreign nationals who board an aircraft, which arrives in the ROK on or after 12:00 am, January 8, 2021(KST).

A proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) must be presented to the airline personnel when a passenger boards an aircraft. Boarding will not be permitted for foreign passengers without a negative COVID-19 test result issued within 72 hours. The test result should be submitted to the quarantine authorities upon their arrival in the ROK.

The test result issued from the testing organization agency at the country of departure must be original and in English (or Korean). If the result cannot be issued in English or Korean, supplemental translated certificates certifying the translation can be submitted along with the original PCR test result.

Infants and children under the age of 6 (as of the entry date) are exempted from submitting a test result certificate.

2. All foreign crewmen entering the Republic of Korea via seaport

Effective 12:00 am, on January 15, 2021(KST), all foreign crewmen on a ship heading toward the ROK are required to test negative for the coronavirus within 72 hours of their departure*.

* This restriction applies to all foreign crewmembers who board a ship on or after 12:00 am, on January 15, 2021.

A proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) must be submitted to the quarantine authorities upon arrival in the ROK.

The test result must be issued within 72 hours of their departure. The test result issued from the testing organization agency at the country of departure must be original and in English (or Korean). If the result cannot be issued in English or Korean, supplemental translated certificates certifying the translation can be submitted along with the original PCR test result.

3. Passengers transiting in Korea without entry are not required to show their test result certificate when boarding an aircraft and they are allowed to transit in Korea without the certificate.